

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

In response to the written communication, dated October 30, 2000, imposing an election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, P5CS.

Claims reading on the elected species include claims 1-27, and new claims 28-36.

Applicants hereby traverse the election of species requirement on the ground that examination of the presently claimed invention can be conducted without significant burden in the absence of reliance on the above-elected species.

Applicants submit that, at a minimum, the elected subject matter is allowable and, therefore, the claims should be examined to the extent of the presently claimed genus.

Applicants further submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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